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****PRIZES ***** PRIZES ***** PRIZES ***** PRIZES ***** PRIZES****

Because of the amount of prizes to be given away, the winner will be given the prize being held up instead of choosing it. In this manner time will be saved.

GRAND PRIZE-----Minelab Metal Detector with bag & headphones.

Utah State Prison -----Sugarhouse,Ut. -----G/F 25 cents
 Willis T Vincent -----Midvale,Ut. -----G/F 5 cents
 The Mecca -----S.L.C. Ut. -----G/F 12 1/2 cents
 Millcreek Dairy -----Millcreek,Ut. -----G/F 1 qt. of Milk
 Moroni Co-op -----Moroni,Ut. -----G/F 10 cents
 J. David Leigh -----Cedar City,Ut. -----G/F \$1.00
 Mutual Trading Co. -----Mutual,Ut. -----G/F 50 cents
 Big George Pool Hall -----Ogden,Ut. -----G/F 10 cents
 A. Marocchi -----Ogden,Ut -----G/F 5 cents
 Mohrland Merc. Co. -----Mohrland,Ut. -----G/F 10 sticks of Powder
 The Diamond -----Bingham,Ut. -----G/F 12 1/2 cents
 Moroni Co-op -----Moroni,Ut. -----G/F 25 cents
 D.O. Rideout Jr. -----Draper,Ut. -----G/F 50 cents

WAGON MASTERS REPORT

By Bruce Dugger

48 Items were entered in the last F.O.M. for this year. It has been a fun & exciting year for finds made, new site's found and some fun outings. I hope next year is as productive for club members as this year has seemed to have been. I would like to thank everyone for the interest and support they have shown in our club activities and hope it will continue. Remember to save and use your best finds between now and the Feb. meeting for the start of the 1997 F.O.M.

I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a fun filled new year and I'll see you at the Christmas Party.

1st Place winners for the last F.O.M. for 1996 were:

U.S. Coin-----	Leonardo Vera	---1912-S Barber Half
Foreign Coin-----	Leonardo Vera	---1/4 Real 1863 State of Zacatecas, Mexico
Token-----	Chris Benson	---Charley Lang's G/F 2 1/2 cents S.L.C.
Jewelry-----	Bruce Dugger	---Greek Religious Metal
Artifact-----	Bruce Dugger	---Late 1800's Spanish Commemorative Metal (Christoforo Colombo)
Button-----	Bruce Dugger	---"Blue Jay"
Non-Metal-----	Bruce Dugger	---Bear in a Snow Dome (1930's--40's)
Peoples Choice Bottle-----	Two Way Tie Between:	
-----	Bruce Dugger	---Dr Pepper Soda (1943)
-----	Diane Nicewinter	---Colbalt Blue Perfume (1940's)
Most Valuable Bottle-----	Bruce Dugger	---Superior Dairy 1/2 Pint (\$15.00)
Oldest U.S. Coin-----	Leonardo Vera	---1853 Seated Liberty Dime
Oldest U.S. Cent-----	Leonardo Vera	---1883 Indian Head
Most Valuable U.S. Coin-----	Bruce Dugger	---1917-S Standing Liberty Quarter (\$20.00)



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ACTING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bill Turpela

Well, I guess I'm done with this "acting president" stuff now that I'm officially the Club's president. I hope we can do a good job. I think we can with your help as club members, and we are sure going to give it a good try. I hope everyone had a good Turkey Day and that you are looking forward to a great Christmas.

I would like to say thanks again to my good token pal Norm Johnson. The hardest part of being president is finding a speaker, so if any of you know of someone who would be of interest to the club, please let me know through Bob's coin shop. Thanks again Norm.

I would like to thank Kevin's wife for the neat drawing for the 1997 Club Medal. The mint came back and said the design needed to be simplified since medals are only stamped with a two-dimensional die and

the likeness of Brigham Young would require a much more expensive three-dimensional die. Kevin's wife will rework and simplify the design using the Mormon Pioneer theme.

After the November meeting, the board talked it over and voted to add a new task to the vice-president's job. The vice-president will now be responsible to print and mail the newsletter after the editors have put it together. This will make the editor's job easier and give the vice-president something to do other than hope that the president will not show up so he or she can lead the meeting.

Well, I guess that is all for now. I hope to see you at the Christmas dinner on the 26th. Look for more info in the newsletter on the dinner. Take care and enjoy the holidays.



MYSTERY PHOTO

This photo, taken in the 1900's, is of an old Mormon ward building (the foreground) and a community school (the background). In 1853, the locals built a small adobe fort to defend against possible Indian raids. In 1861, an adobe building within the fort was used as a Mormon meeting house. In 1895, the school building was constructed. Over the years, both buildings were improved and enlarged. In 1973, the buildings were demolished and a new school was built on the same location. The school is now only 15 minutes from downtown Salt Lake City. Do you the school's present name and location?



COMMENTS FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Thanksgiving has become my favorite day to metal detect. Everyone else is at home, so there is no one to bother you; any evidence of digging will soon be covered by snow and then be totally gone by spring; and the ground is soft and easy to dig. Unfortunately, I spent six hours on Thanksgiving (I started at 7:30 a.m.) hitting three places I've been waiting a long time to try, but all I found were clad coins.

Last month's **MYSTERY PHOTO** was the Silver Lake Lodge built next to Silver Lake at what is now Brighton. A copy of a map from the late 1800's shows the building shadows for the hotel and outbuildings.

The Brighton area was a popular place for outings since pioneer times. Indeed, if I recall correctly, Brigham Young and friends were celebrating Pioneer Day at Brighton and Silver Lake when word came that Johnston's army was on its way to Salt Lake City, Utah.

A few years ago, you could explore the areas where I believe the hotel was located. Now, visitors to Silver Lake are kept off the meadow and are restricted to board walks. The other area that might have been the location of the hotel is now a paved parking lot. I also noticed a few years ago that my favorite picnic area, located to the far right across the parking lot from the Brighton ski ticket office, was demolished and turned into a huge garage for snow grooming equipment!

I'm all in favor of preserving this beautiful area, but it is just another example of our schizophrenic government in action. It is ironic and hypocritical that you could be thrown in jail for digging an eight-inch hole on the same property that the Forest Service allowed to be totally

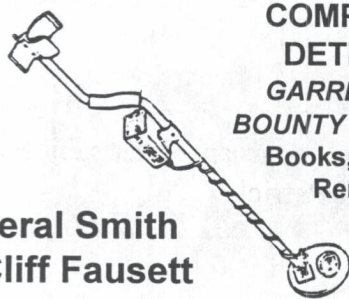
demolished by cats, backhoes, and heavy equipment. And since when is a huge, metal warehouse conducive to the preservation of our forest lands.



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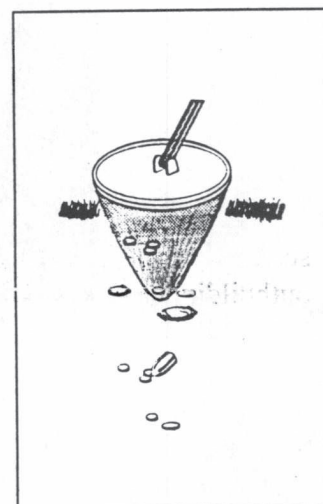
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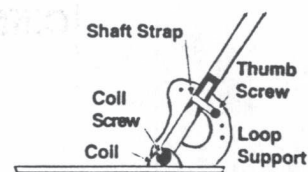
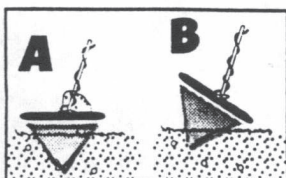
The Salt Lake Valley is somewhat unique in that prior to the arrival of the Mormon Pioneers in 1847, there were virtually no trees in the valley. Therefore, as a general rule, you can assume that all trees were planted by settlers starting in 1847. So what you say? Well, this means that the taller the trees, the earlier the area was settled. As I drive along I-80 into work, I've noticed clumps of trees standing above the others like islands on a sea of green. I've then located these taller trees and believe that many of them act as road signs to the oldest homes in the area. I haven't ever searched these areas (almost all of them are private property), but if you aren't shy about asking, this may be a great way to find the best hunting spots in the outlying areas of Salt Lake City.

SEARCH COIL DISCIPLINE

If you visualize that the detection signal of your search coil looks like a funnel, you can understand why overlapping the search coil is so important to finding deep coins (see illustration). At a depth of eight to twelve inches (depending on coil size, mineralization, soil moisture content and a hundred other things), the detection area of your signal at the bottom of the "funnel" may only be the size of a dime. Therefore, if your overlap (the amount you move the coil forward on the next sweep) exceeds the width of a dime, you will not detect that coin. This reason, probably more than any other, explains why areas are never hunted out and why some detectorists can make great finds following right behind a less disciplined person. While moving the coil an inch or less forward at a time is not always practical, a tight and disciplined sweep pattern, especially in areas where deep targets are likely to be found, will greatly increase your finds.

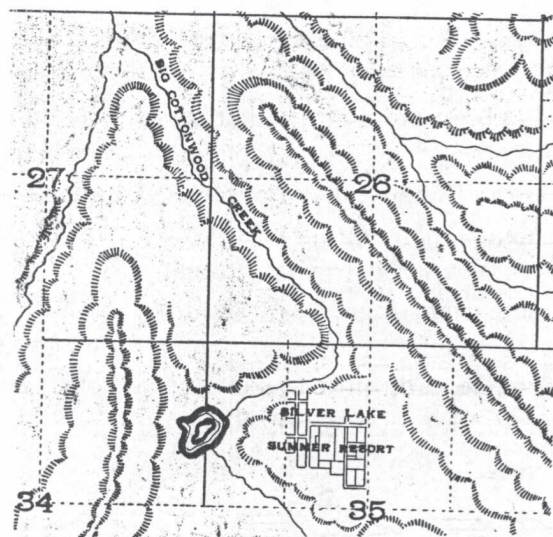


Another aspect of search coil discipline is to keep the coil at a consistent height above the ground and to keep it parallel. Avoid lifting the coil at the end each swing. This causes loss of depth but it can also mess you up if your auto-ground balance recalibrates when the coil is higher off the ground than during the rest of your search pattern (see below). Also, laying the detector on the ground can bump the coil changing its angle to the shaft. Some believe this change further throws off ground balance. Therefore, each time you pick up your detector after target recovery, make sure the coil is still parallel to the ground. Some people like to use a search coil bracket to keep the coil at a consistent angle to the shaft (see below). I have found that if you are searching an area with lots of weeds or rocks, a bracket is essential to prevent the coil from constantly being bumped off angle. For more tips on this and other subjects, see *Metal Detecting Advice & Tips* by Robert H. Sickler and Joseph Patrick.





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NUTS CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 26, 1996, AT 7:00 P.M.

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2960 So. Highland Dr.

Bring your family and friends to the annual N.U.T.S Christmas party. The program will include an all-you-can-eat dinner (the cost will be \$11.00 for adults); swearing in of Club Officers for 1997; Awards; and then a drawing for tons of prizes including a detector, equipment, tokens, coins, etc (see prize list on front page and below).

Remember, you cannot buy tickets for the prize drawing, but each Club member will receive one ticket for every meeting he or she attended during 1996 (maximum of 12 tickets per member). Also, in the interest of time, the drawing will be for a specific prize rather than your choice of a prize (sorry). See you there!

University Club	S.L.C. Ut.	G/F 12 1/2 cents	1899 5-Roubles Gold Russian Coin
Miners Pool Hall	Copperfield, Ut.	G/F 12 1/2 cents	1881-S Morgan Silver Dollar
Farrer Bros. & Co.	Provo, Ut.	G/F 25 cents	1882 Morgan Silver Dollar
Ken Walton Fruit Farm	Kaysville, Ut.	G/F 10 cents	1885 Morgan Silver Dollar
Burmeister Bros/the Ranch	Ogden, Ut.	G/F 1 drink or cigar	1886 Morgan Silver Dollar
Big Spring Dairy	Sunnyside, Ut.	G/F 1 pint of Milk	1887 Morgan Silver Dollar
G.S. Wood Merc.	Springville, Ut.	G/F 10 cents	1888 Morgan Silver Dollar
S.F.S.K.	Bingham, Ut.	G/F 5 cents	1889 Morgan Silver Dollar
Bountiful Dairy	Bountiful, Ut.	G/F 1 qt. of Milk	1889 Morgan Silver Dollar
E.A. Rasmussen	Draper, Ut.	G/F package of gum	1897 Morgan Silver Dollar
P.F. Anderson	Lynndyl, Ut.	G/F 5 cents	1921 Morgan Silver Dollar
John Butler	Willard, Ut.	G/F 5 cents	
Beehive Merc.	Manti, Ut.	G/F 5 cents	Two Display Cases
Cactus Club	Newhouse, Ut.	G/F 5 cents	Two Digging Tools
Utah Pool Room	Midvale, Ut.	G/F 5 cents	Garrett belt bag for holding finds
Pedersen & Griffiths	Smithfield, Ut.	G/F 10 cents	
J.F. Long & Co.	Koosharem, Ut.	G/F 5 cents	

